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SUBJ: UNIVERSITIES REOPENING

REF: LAGOS 2412

1. SENATES OF THREE UNIVERSITIES CLOSED SINCE LAST MONTH (IFE, IBADAN, AND LAGOS) HAVE NOW ALL ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESUMPTION CLASSES. STUDENTS ON ALL THREE CAMPUSES REQUIRED REAFFIRM THEIR OATHS OF OBEDIENCE TO UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, AND THOSE AT LAGOS ALSO REQUIRED PAY NAIRA 4 EACH (ABOUT \$6.50) AS REPARATIONS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE DURING FEBRUARY DISORDERS.
2. UNIVERSITIES OF IFE AND IBADAN RESUMING CLASSES THIS WEEK, WHILE LAGOS FACILITIES RETURNING ON STAGGERED BASIS BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 1. ALL SCHOOLS ABANDONING SPRING VACATION AND EXTENDING ACADEMIC YEAR INTO JULY TO MAKE UP LOST CLASS TIME.
3. STUDENTS HAVE GENERALLY WELCOMED REOPENING OF UNIVERSITIES. ONLY SOUR NOTE CAME FROM UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS STUDENTS' UNION, WHICH REACTED TO FMG ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED REFTEL WITH DEMAND

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THAT STUDENTS REFUSE TO REREGISTER IF ANY CONDITIONS IMPOSED.

HOWEVER, STUDENT ORGANIZATION WAS IN EFFECT IGNORED BY MASS OF STUDENTS, WHO ACCEPTED CONDITIONS SET BY SENATE AND FLOCKED TO REREGISTER WITHOUT PROTEST.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN LAGOS 1552, STUDENTS ONCE AGAIN PROVED TO BE NO MATCH FOR FMG. THEIR INABILITY ACHIEVE UNITED FRONT AMONG THEMSELVES OR EFFECTIVE ALLIANCE WITH OTHER POTENTIAL OPPOSITION ELEMENTS MAKES THEM EASY TARGETS FOR REGIME, WHICH SIMPLY DISPERSES THEM BY CLOSING CAMPUSES. NEVERTHELESS, LATEST ROUND OF STUDENT-GOVERNMENT CONFRONTATION IS ESSENTIALLY A DRAW, AND STUDENTS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY COME BACK FOR ANOTHER ROUND AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE.  
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